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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--6. (Twice Amended) A method of making a porous hollow fiber membrane, comprising:

forming said hollow fiber membrane according to a dry-wet spinning method or a wet spinning method while using the following components:

a spinning dope containing a base polymer as a material for forming said porous hollow fiber membrane,

an additive for facilitating a phase separation of said spinning dope,

a solvent compatible with both, said base polymer and said additive, and

a mass of microparticles insoluble in said solvent, wherein said microparticles are uniformly dispersed in a liquid medium and have an average particle size within the range of 1 to 20 μm , and

a coagulating liquid for forming the hollow fiber membrane,

to obtain a spun hollow fiber membrane; and

extracting and removing said microparticles by immersing said spun hollow fiber membrane into an extracting solution effective to dissolve said microparticles, but ineffective to dissolve said base polymer;

wherein said porous hollow fiber membrane has a permselectivity; wherein a particle cutoff is within the range of 1 to 10 μm ; and wherein a pure water permeate flow is equal to or higher than 30,000 $\text{L/m}^2/\text{hr}/100\text{kPa}$.--